

## Unofficial Local Election Results

Vernonia Mayor Josette Mitchell was re-elected for a third two-year term in the November 4, 2014 elections, according to unofficial results released by the Columbia County elections office on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 AM.

Mitchell received 406 votes, or 57%, to defeat challenger Sally Harrison who received 260 votes, or 37% of the vote. There were 42 write-in votes.

Jill Hult and Mike Seager were elected to the Vernonia City Council and were the only two candidates on the ballot. Hult received 406 votes, or 45%, Seager received 309 votes, or 35%, and

there were 180 write-in votes, or 20%. The top two candidates are elected.

In county election races, incumbent Henry Heimuller retained his seat as County Commissioner, defeating Wayne Mayo for Position 2. Heimuller received 9,941 votes, or 54%; Mayo received 8,172 votes or 45% of the vote.

Cathleen Callahan was elected as Judge of the Circuit Court, 19<sup>th</sup> District, defeating Jean Martwick. Callahan received 9,281 votes, or 54%; Martwick received 7,813 votes, or 45%.

Elizabeth Hauser retained her position as County Clerk, defeating

Brady Preheim 76% to 24%.

Election turnout was high in Columbia County, with over 72% of registered voters casting ballots.

In state races, Senator Betsy Johnson (D-16) easily won re-election receiving 70% of the vote.

Representative Brad Witt (D-31) was also re-elected, receiving 54% of the vote, defeating Republican Larry Eriksen, who received 41% of the vote.

For updated results go to:

<http://www.co.columbia.or.us/departments/elections-department/election-results>

## Santa Photos at WOEC

Santa Claus will be visiting West Oregon Electric Cooperative to help raise funds for the "Care to Share" energy assistance program. Santa will be available for keepsake photographs on December 4th, from 3:00-7:00 PM, 5th from 2:00-6:00 PM and the 6th from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM at the WOEC office.

All proceeds will go to help families in the West Oregon Electric Co-op community. These special photographs make great gifts! Individual, family, and group photos all for the same low cost! Also, due to a generous donation by Five Star

Builders the first 50 participants for the Santa Photos fundraiser will receive a \$5 credit towards their photo purchases. (Credit does not apply to the sitting fee.)

### Prices:

Sitting fee per group \$5  
(Includes one free photo in card w/envelope)  
Additional copies in card w/envelope \$2  
Additional 4x6 copies (no card) \$1  
Photo packages with 8x10, 5x7, & wallet photos also available for purchase. Great package prices of \$5, \$10, or \$15.

## 2015 Medical Shuttle Schedule

The attached schedule is for Demand Response Services to medical appointments in Portland and Washington County for the 2015 year. If information is needed regarding cost, please call 503-366-0159.

**Please make appointments between 10:00 AM and 12 noon.**

January 7, January 21

February 4, February 18

March 4, March 18

April 8, April 22

May 6, May 20

June 3, June 17



## Upcoming Events

Timberbound Concert & Swing Dance, Saturday, November 15, 8:00-11:00 PM at the Vernonia Grange, 375 North St. Historic Keasey slide show by Cory Colburn 7-8 PM. Tickets \$10 at the door or call 503-396-2046

Spirit of Christmas in Vernonia - Saturday, December 6, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM. See page 10 for more details.

Grace Fine Arts Exhibit - Friday, December 12, 6:30 - 7:45 PM at Grace Family Fellowship, 957 State Avenue. Student art will include sculpture, acrylic, watercolor and drawing. The choir will be performing and a short film highlighting the behind-the-scenes work of the young artists will be shown.

## PCC Continues Discussion on Columbia County Center

Portland Community College (PCC) continued their discussions with local residents on October 21, 2014 concerning the potential course offerings at the planned Columbia County education center, scheduled to open in 2017.

This latest meeting was just part of the community outreach that PCC is conducting to gather input about what classes, programs and services the education center should provide.

Beginning in May of 2014 PCC has surveyed educators in Columbia County and also met with school superintendents and elected officials from Vernonia, St. Helens and Scappoose. (PCC's service area does not include the Rainier or Clatskanie school districts.) They also met with key employers and stakeholders followed by two open community forums in Scappoose and St. Helens. They then met with guidance councilor and school administrators from the three school districts and met and surveyed high school students as

well.

The Columbia County education center is expected to consist of roughly three classrooms. PCC is still seeking a location of approximately twenty acres to site the campus, which would provide space for expansion in the future. A decision on the site is expected in March of 2015. PCC is also re-examining the development of a Public Safety Regional Training Center, which would require a site of over 200 acres, and could be developed in conjunction with the Columbia County education center.

During the latest meeting, which was held at Meriwether Place in St. Helens, PCC staff reported about the priorities for programing for the new education center they have gathered through their ten outreach events with local community members. Priorities identified by school administrators, elected officials, the general public and business leaders included Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes, 4-year University transfer classes, basic

computer and pre-employment skills, and GED classes. High School staff identified CTE classes, complimentary classes that extend learning already happening in high schools, dual credit classes that would allow high school students to begin earning college credits, and SAT prep classes as priorities. High school seniors who were surveyed answered somewhat differently, and overwhelmingly identified 4-year transfer classes as their top priority. Students also identified career exploration classes as a need.

Other support priorities identified as needs at the Columbia County education center included

career exploration and advisement, and financial aid assistance.

PCC is already holding classes in Columbia County including welding classes, a two-term Career Pathway Certificate in Customer Service and several outdoor non-credit classes. The PCC winter term begins January 5 and ends March 15. PCC also has a Small Business Development Center which provides free business advising in Scappoose.

For more information about the Columbia County PCC campus go to [www.edu/about/location/columbia-county](http://www.edu/about/location/columbia-county) or search "PCC Columbia County"

### HOW TO SEND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vernonia's Voice welcomes and requests your thoughts, opinions and ideas. Please include your name, address and phone number, limit your letters to 300 words or less. Vernonia's Voice reserves the right to edit, omit, respond or ask for a response to letters submitted. We will print letters space permitting. Deadline is the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. Email: [scott@vernoniasvoice.com](mailto:scott@vernoniasvoice.com) or mail to: Letters, PO Box 55, Vernonia, OR 97064.



**Happy Hour Mon-Fri 4-7  
Lady's Night Wed 5-12**

### Events

**Sat, Nov. 15th**  
Dixie Wrecked

**Sat, Nov. 22nd**  
Third Member

**Sat, Dec. 6th**  
Stepchild

**Sat, Dec. 13th**  
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